

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Public Encouraged to Attend...

GEORGIA DOT SEEKS INPUT ON PROPOSED HANCOCK COUNTY PROJECT

SPARTA – A Public Information Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, to discuss the Georgia Department of Transportation's proposed project for Hancock County. The meeting will be held at the Hancock County Library, 8984 East Broad Street in Sparta. The public is invited to attend any time between 5 and 7 p.m. No formal presentation will be given.

The purpose of this informal open house is to provide the public an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the proposed project to construct bridges on State Route 16 at Two Mile Creek and Little Ogeechee River, east of Sparta. Hancock County residents interested in learning more are encouraged to attend, view displays, express thoughts and concerns with Georgia DOT representatives, and provide written comments. After this event, meeting handouts will be available online. To access, visit Georgia DOT's Web site at www.dot.ga.gov; select General Public; then Public Involvement.

"We are eager to hear the viewpoints and concerns of all area residents," said Tony Collins, Georgia DOT District Engineer in Tennille. "The Georgia DOT encourages all interested parties to provide their input for this project."

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).